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EXECTIVE SUMMARY

This report compares the mode I boundary correction factor solutions for two symmetric elliptical cracks emanating from a straight-shank hole. A variety of methods were used to generate the solutions. A global-intermediate-local (GIL) hierarchical approach was developed using the finite element method (FEM). Comparisons were made with the following methods: the FEM with the equivalent domain integral, semiempirical boundary correction factor equations, the finite element alternating method, the boundary element method with the crack opening displacement approach, the boundary element method using special crack-tip elements, and the three-dimensional weight function method. The boundary correction factor solutions were within a band of $\pm 3\%$ of the average solution.

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INTRODUCTION

Accurate stress-intensity factor (SIF) solutions are required to conduct thorough damage tolerance analyses of structures containing cracks. Exact closed form SIF solutions for cracks in three-dimensional solids are often lacking for complex configurations; therefore, approximate solutions must be used. Over the past two decades, considerable effort has been placed on developing computationally efficient methods which provide highly accurate SIF solutions for cracks in three-dimensional bodies. A review of methods for the analysis of cracks in three-dimensional solids was provided in reference 1. Various methods have been used to obtain SIF solution for surface and corner cracks in plates including the conventional finite element method (FEM) [2-8], the finite element alternating method (FEAM) [9-12], the boundary element method (BEM) [13-15], and the three-dimensional weight function method (WFM) [16-19]. With advances in pre- and postprocessors, computer hardware, and improvements in equation solvers, time savings are being realized in both geometry development and analysis of complex models. With computational tools in place, SIF solutions required for damage tolerance assessments of cracked complex structures can be obtained.

Two steps are typically used to obtain SIF solutions. First, the stress and displacement fields for the structure under the prescribed loading conditions are calculated. Second, the SIF solutions are extracted from the governing stress and displacement fields. One of the most commonly used approaches to determine SIF solutions is the FEM. Several techniques have been developed using FEM to approximate SIF solutions for cracks in three-dimensional solids including the crack opening displacement (COD) method [20], the virtual crack extension (VCT) method [21-22], the virtual crack closure technique (VCCT) [23], and the J-integral method using the equivalent domain integral method (DIM) [8,9,24,25]. Stress-intensity factor equations have also been obtained by fitting empirical equations to some of the SIF solutions obtained by finite element analyses [26].

The FEAM [9-11] is an iterative approach alternating between a finite element analysis of the uncracked finite body and an analytical solution of a crack subjected to traction forces in an infinite medium. The FEAM is a computationally efficient approach to obtain three-dimensional SIF solutions. Since the SIF is calculated using the analytical solution, the crack front does not need to be modeled explicitly in the finite element analysis. Only the stress concentrations due to the geometry of the configuration, i.e., holes and cutouts, need to be accurately modeled. Thus, a relatively coarse mesh having a simple configuration of finite elements can be used in the FEAM compared with conventional FEM used in fracture problems.

In the three-dimensional BEM, only the surface of the body needs to be modeled. Thus, a model may be built relatively quickly compared with conventional FEM. Two programs that use the BEM have been recently developed for fracture mechanics studies. The first, FRacture ANalysis Code in 3-Dimensions (FRANC3D), is a special purpose fracture mechanics and crack growth simulation program which integrates a graphics user interface pre- and postprocessor, a boundary element solver for three-dimensional solids, and a generalized shell analysis solver [27-30]. SIF solutions are obtained using the COD method. Plane strain assumptions are used in the calculation. The second program, Fracture Analysis by Distributed Dislocations in 3-Dimensions (FADD3D) is a weakly singular, symmetric Galerkin BEM for the analysis of linearly elastic,

isotropic, three-dimensional solids containing fractures [31,32]. An important aspect of the numerical implementation in FADD3D is the use of a special crack-tip element which has degrees of freedom along the crack front that correspond to the three modes of stress-intensity factors which are solved for directly. The method is applicable to a wide class of fracture problems and has proven to provide highly accurate SIF solutions using relatively coarse meshes.

The WFM [16-19] is an efficient and accurate technique for determining three-dimensional SIF solutions. Using this approach a three-dimensional body is decomposed into thin slices in the thickness and width directions. Each slice is assumed to be in a state of generalized plane stress. The three-dimensional effect is accounted for by forces acting on the crack surface due to shear loading between slices and the restraining effect of the uncracked area on the cracked slices.

Several investigators have used hierarchical level approaches to study cracks in fuselage shell structure [33-37]. The advantage of a hierarchical level approach is that model development and analysis efforts are simplified by breaking a problem down to manageable levels of relative scale and detail. Boundary conditions at each level of analysis are passed onto subsequent analysis levels. At the highest level, a global analysis is conducted using known prescribed boundary conditions applied to the fuselage which was typically idealized using shell elements to model the skin and beam elements to model the substructure (frames and stringers). The purpose of the global analysis is to obtain accurate stress and displacement fields in the area of interest resulting from the known boundary conditions. These stress and displacement fields are used as boundary conditions in the next level, a submodel that is a dimensional subset of the previous level and is modeled with a more refined mesh with higher substructure detail. Higher order shell elements are typically used to model the substructure. At the final level, a local analysis is conducted on a highly refined mesh focused at the crack tip to determine the SIF solutions. The number of levels used in a hierarchical level approach depends on the complexity and size of the problem being analyzed. A two-level global-local approach was sufficient to obtain accurate results for large cracks terminating in the skin bay region of fuselage structure [36, 37] whereas a three-level global-intermediate-local approach was required to analyze small cracks emanating from rivet holes in fuselage lap joint [33].

In this study, a three-level global-intermediate-local (GIL) hierarchical approach was developed using FEM for the fracture mechanics analysis of cracks in three-dimensional solids. Verification studies of the GIL approach were conducted using a problem consisting of two symmetric cracks emanating from a straight-shank hole under remote tension. First, convergence studies were done to determine the level of mesh refinement needed for the global, intermediate, and local models. Next, the use of conventional and singularity elements in the local model was assessed. The solution obtained from the GIL approach was verified and compared with the solutions obtained by several investigators using a variety of methods including the equivalent domain integral method (DIM), semiempirical SIF equations, the FEAM, the BEM with the crack opening displacement approach (FRANC3D), the BEM with special crack-tip elements (FADD3D), and the three-dimensional Weight Function Method (WFM). Table 1 lists the methods that were compared and the participants who provided the solutions for each method.

CONFIGURATION AND LOADING

The problem analyzed in this study consists of a pair of symmetric elliptical cracks emanating from a straight-shank hole in a plate under far-field tension, figure 1. The half height of the plate (H) and half width (W) were chosen to be large enough to have a negligible effect on the stress-intensity factors (H/W = 2) and the ratio of the straight-shank hole radius to plate width (R/W) was 0.2. The ratio of hole radius to thickness (R/t) was 2. The plate has a modulus of elasticity, E = 1 psi, and Poisson's ratio, v = 0.3.

A symmetrical elliptical corner crack configuration was analyzed with a crack depth to plate thickness ratio (a/t) of 0.2 and a crack depth to crack length ratio (a/c) of 0.8. A remote tension load was applied with a constant stress, $S_t = 1.0$ unit force per unit area.

DEFINITION OF STRESS-INTENSITY FACTOR

The mode I stress-intensity factor (K_i) at any location along the crack front under tensile loading is given as

$$K_{I} = S_{t} \sqrt{\frac{\pi a}{Q}} F_{t} \left(\frac{a}{t}, \frac{a}{c}, \frac{R}{t}, \varphi \right)$$
 (1)

where the boundary correction factor, F_t (tensile), is calculated along the crack front as a function of the parametric angle. The crack dimensions and parametric angle, φ , are defined in figure 1. The parametric angle is the angle measured with reference to the circle contained within the ellipse defining the crack front. The angle, φ , is measured from the surface of the plate to the boundary of the straight-shank hole. The shape factor for an ellipse, Q, is the square of the complete elliptic integral of the second kind [2]

$$Q = 1 + 1.464 \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^{1.65} \quad \text{for } \frac{a}{c} \le 1$$

$$Q = 1 + 1.464 \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^{1.65} \quad \text{for } \frac{a}{c} > 1$$

$$(2)$$

GLOBAL-INTERMEDIATE-LOCAL HIERARCHICAL APPROACH

In the hierarchical approaches, model development and analysis efforts are simplified by breaking a problem into manageable levels of relative scale and detail. Boundary conditions at each level of analysis are passed onto subsequent analysis levels. A three-level global-intermediate-local (GIL) hierarchical finite element approach was used in this study to obtain the SIF solutions for the problem as illustrated in figure 2. The commercially available finite element program ABAQUS 5.6 [38] was used for the analysis. In the first step (global level) of the GIL approach, an analysis of the plate subjected to the prescribed loading conditions was conducted. The crack was modeled in the global level using conventional elements. A typical mesh for the global level is shown in figure 2. Due to symmetry in the geometry and loading, one quadrant of the plate was modeled. A typical mesh for the global model contained 1312

twenty-noded brick elements. Along the top edge, a 1-psi stress was applied. Symmetry boundary conditions were applied as indicated in the figure.

In the second step (intermediate level), an analysis was conducted in the high stress gradient region near the straight-shank hole. A refined mesh, shown in figure 2, of the region near the hole was used to accurately capture the stress concentrations. The crack region was modeled in the intermediate level using conventional elements. A typical mesh for the intermediate model consisted of 5764 twenty-noded brick elements. Symmetry boundary conditions were applied to the crack plane. The boundary conditions for the intermediate model were taken from the global model using the submodelling features in ABAQUS.

In the final step (local level), a local analysis was conducted of a region around the crack front. A highly refined mesh with elements orthogonal to the crack front was used. The length of the elements along the crack front was less than or equal a/20 where a is the minor crack length of the elliptical crack. Two types of meshes were used as shown in figure 2. The first mesh, containing only conventional elements, consisted of 1728 twenty-noded brick elements. The second mesh, consisting of 1152 twenty-noded brick elements, contained a ring of singularity elements surrounding the crack front. The singularity elements are twenty-noded isoparametric brick elements with one side collapsed along the crack front and with the midside nodes on the element sides adjacent to the collapsed side shifted to the quarter point to obtain the $1/\sqrt{r}$ singularity. In both local meshes, symmetry boundary conditions were applied on the crack plane. The intermediate model using the submodelling features in ABAQUS provided displacement boundary conditions along the perimeter of the local model.

The J-integral was calculated along the crack front using the equivalent domain integral (EDI) method. For cases where there is no mixed mode fracture and assuming a plane strain elastic material response, the mode I SIF at any point along the crack front can be calculated from the J-integral as

$$K_I = \sqrt{\frac{JE}{I - v^2}} \tag{3}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CONVERGENCE STUDIES.

Convergence studies were done to determine the level of mesh refinement needed for each of the global, intermediate, and local models. Typical results for the convergence study are shown in figure 3 and table 2. Results are presented in terms of the variation of the boundary correction factor, F_t , as a function of the parametric angle, φ , for two meshes of the local model. The first mesh, Mesh A, consisted of 216 elements with 12 elements along the crack front. The second mesh, Mesh B, was much more refined consisting of 1728 elements with 24 elements along the crack front. Both meshes used conventional elements. As shown, the results obtained using the different mesh refinements differed by less than 0.8% indicating a converged solution was obtained.

CONVENTIONAL VERSUS SINGULARITY.

The use of conventional and singularity elements to model the crack front in the local model was compared. The boundary correction factor, F_t , calculated using conventional and singularity elements as a function of the parametric angle, φ , is shown in figure 4 and table 2. The crack front was modeled using conventional elements (Mesh B) and singularity elements (Mesh C). As shown in figure 4, excellent agreement was obtained where the results from the two crack front meshes differed by less than 0.6%.

Modeling the crack front using singularity elements has the advantage of capturing the square root singularity and obtaining accurate near-field stresses and displacements. However, the process of forming a singularity element from a conventional brick element by collapsing the side nearest the crack front and moving the midside nodes to the quarter point can be an extremely tedious and time consuming task. Modeling the crack front using conventional elements is much easier and the use of conventional elements in fracture mechanics studies is viable provided that the elements are of proper size (approximate length of a/20) and are orthogonal to the crack front. When the equivalent domain integral method is used to determine the J-integral, it is not necessary to have extremely accurate stress and displacement fields. As the volume contour around the crack front used in the calculation of the J-integral increases, the influence of the high stress and displacement gradients dissipates.

SOLUTION COMPARISONS.

The solution obtained from the GIL approach was verified and compared with the solutions obtained by other investigators using the methods listed in table 1. The following methods were used: the FRacture ANalysis Code in 3-Dimensions (FRANC3D) conducted by Cornell University, the three-dimensional Weight Function Method (WFM) conducted by University of South Carolina, the finite element alternating method (FEAM) conducted by Knowledge Systems, Incorporated, the finite element method (FEM) with the equivalent domain integral integral (DIM) conducted by Northwestern University [7], and the Fracture Analysis by Distributed Dislocation in 3-Dimension (FADD3D) conducted by the University of Texas, Austin. In addition, the semiempirical SIF equation developed at NASA Langely [26] was used in the comparison. For the problem defined in figure 1, the semiempirical equation [26] is given by

$$F_{t} = \left(M_{1} + M_{2} \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{2} + M_{3} \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{4}\right) g_{1} g_{2} g_{3} g_{4} f_{\varphi} f_{w}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

where the parameters in equation 4 are provided in table 4.

The results of the various methods are shown in figure 5 and table 3 as boundary correction factors along the crack front as a function of the parametric angle, φ. Excellent agreement was obtained among the methods listed in table 1 as shown in figure 5. The dashed line indicates the result from the semiempirical equation [26]. Results from the FRANC3D, FEAM, WFM, DIM, FADD3D, and GIL were averaged. The results calculated using the semiempirical SIF equation

were similar to the average solution. All solutions were within a narrow band of $\pm 3\%$ about the average solution; the $\pm 3\%$ band is shown by the solid lines in figure 5.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

A global-intermediate-local (GIL) hierarchical approach was developed using the finite element method (FEM). The objective was to develop and verify the GIL approach by comparing the GIL results to results from various other methods. Using the GIL approach, the boundary correction factors along the crack front were calculated using the equivalent domain integral method. Convergence studies were done to determine the level of mesh refinement needed for the each of the global, intermediate, and local models. The use of conventional elements to model crack front provided the same boundary correction factor results as using singularity elements.

For the problem of two symmetric cracks emanating from a straight-shank hole under remote tension, a comparison was made with a variety of other methods: finite element method (FEM) with the equivalent domain integral method (DIM), semiempirical equations, the finite element alternating method (FEAM), boundary element method (BEM) with the crack opening displacement approach (FRANC3D), the BEM using special crack-tip elements (FADD3D), and the three-dimensional Weight Function Method (WFM). Results for all the methods were in excellent agreement and fell within a band of $\pm 3\%$ of the average of all the solutions. These results verified the GIL approach developed in the current study.

These results also show that there are a variety of computational methods that can be used to calculate accurate boundary correction factor solutions for cracks in three-dimensional solids. It should be pointed out, however, that these are all sophisticated, complex methods that require a knowledgeable user. Those methods that use a mesh (whether boundary element or finite element methods) also require convergence studies to insure that the mesh is refinement sufficient to obtain the desired accuracy.

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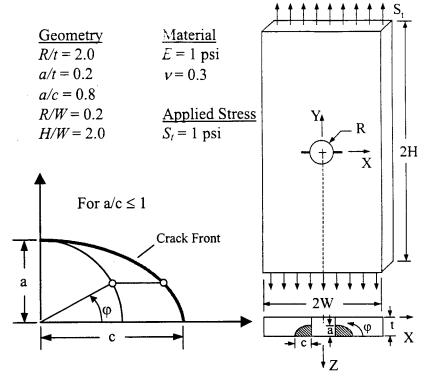


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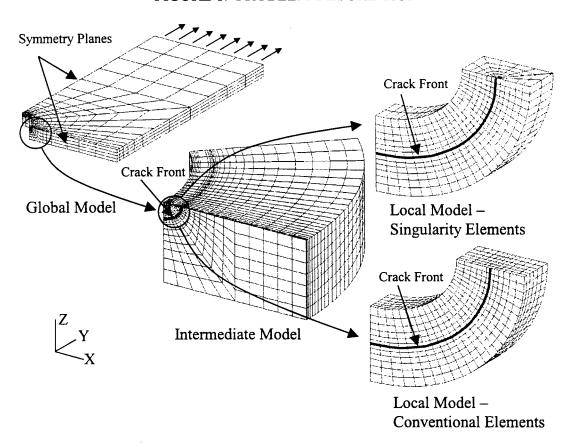


FIGURE 2. GLOBAL-INTERMEDIATE-LOCAL HIERARCHICAL APPROACH

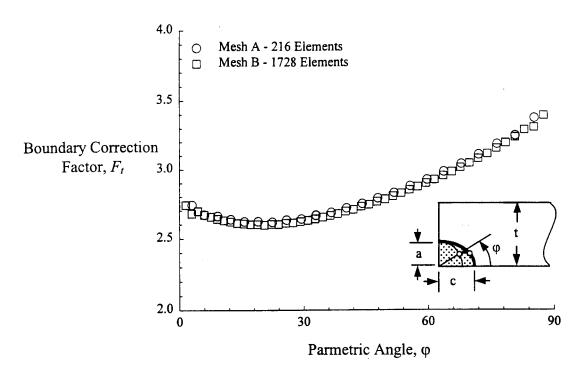


FIGURE 3. CONVERGENCE STUDY COMPARISON OF RESULTS FROM TWO MESHES OF LOCAL MODEL

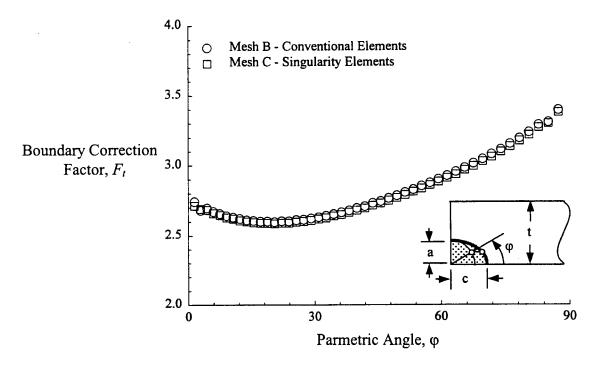


FIGURE 4. COMPARISON OF RESULTS USING CONVENTIONAL AND SINGULARITY ELEMENTS

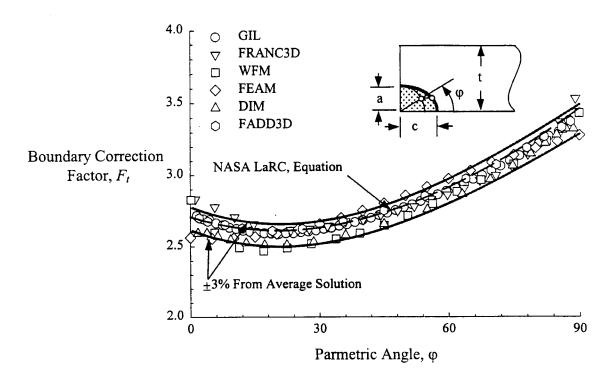


FIGURE 5. COMPARISON OF RESULTS FROM ALL SOLUTION METHODS

TABLE 1. STUDY PARTICIPANTS AND METHODS USED

Principle Investigator	Affiliation	Method
James Newman [26]	NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC)	Semiempirical SIF Equation
Paul Wawrzynek	Cornell University (CU)	The FRacture ANalysis Code in 3 Dimensions (FRANC3D)
Wei Zhao	University of South Carolina (USC)	Three-Dimensional Weight Function Method (WFM)
Daniel S. Pipkins	Knowledge Systems Incorporated (KSI)	Finite Element Alternating Method (FEAM)
Brian Moran [7]	Northwestern University (NWU)	Domain Integral Method (DIM)
Mark Mear	University of Texas, Austin (UTA)	Fracture Analysis by Distributed Dislocations in 3 Dimensions (FADD3D)
John Bakuckas	FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center	Global-Intermediate-Local (GIL)

TABLE 2. BOUNDARY CORRECTION FACTORS FROM THREE MESHES OF LOCAL MODEL

Mesh A – Conv.		Mesh B	– Conv.	Mesh C – Sing.		
φ	F_{t}	φ	\overline{F}_t	φ	F_{t}	
3.008	2.740	1.464	2.741	1.464	2.713	
6.011	2.669	2.928	2.679	2.928	2.690	
9.185	2.660	4.434	2.696	4.434	2.683	
12.344	2.637	5.940	2.670	5.940	2.660	
15.672	2.621	7.490	2.656	7.490	2.647	
18.975	2.622	9.036	2.641	9.036	2.629	
22.436	2.617	10.625	2.630	10.625	2.621	
25.866	2.633	12.211	2.621	12.211	2.609	
29.452	2.640	13.841	2.611	13.841	2.601	
32.985	2.666	15.465	2.607	15.465	2.594	
36.692	2.686	17.129	2.601	17.129	2.591	
40.337	2.718	18.782	2.602	18.782	2.590	
44.157	2.750	20.485	2.597	20.485	2.586	
47.909	2.790	22.176	2.604	22.176	2.592	
51.837	2.829	23.912	2.602	23.912	2.591	
55.713	2.879	25.645	2.611	25.645	2.599	
59.760	2.925	27.408	2.614	27.408	2.603	
63.769	2.984	29.166	2.623	29.166	2.610	
67.970	3.040	30.963	2.631	30.963	2.620	
72.122	3.108	32.751	2.641	32.751	2.628	
76.495	3.185	34.574	2.653	34.574	2.641	
80.837	3.248	36.386	2.665	36.386	2.651	
85.427	3.377	38.241	2.678	38.241	2.666	
		40.082	2.696	40.082	2.681	
•		41.973	2.708	41.973	2.696	
		43.847	2.731	43.847	2.715	
		45.756	2.744	45.756	2.731	
		47.658	2.766	47.658	2.750	
		49.611	2.784	49.611	2.770	
		51.535	2.806	51.535	2.790	
		53.517	2.827	53.517	2.813	
		55.477	2.852	55.477	2.836	
		57.492	2.875	57.492	2.860	
1		59.486 61.531	2.901 2.926	59.486	2.885	
				61.531	2.912	
		63.573 65.656	2.955	63.573	2.937	
		67.728	2.984 3.015	65.656 67.728	2.969 2.997	
ł		69.858	3.015	69.858	3.030	
		71.970	3.046	71.970	3.062	
1		74.150	3.115	74.150	3.100	
1		76.314	3.115	76.314	3.136	
1		78.532	3.195	78.532	3.179	
	:	80.755	3.193	80.755	3.179	
		83.037	3.238	83.037	3.220	
		85.314	3.310	85.314	3.302	
		87.655	3.397	87.655	3.382	

TABLE 3. BOUNDARY CORRECTION FACTORS FROM A VARIETY OF APPROACHES

	NC3D CU		/FM JSC	1	EAM KSI	1	DIM WU		DD3D ITA
φ	F_{t}	φ	F_t	φ	F_{t}	φ	F_{t}	φ	F_t
1.125	2.830	0.125	2.826	0.000	2.561	1.737	2.592	2.000	2.697
5.619	2.774	5.619	2.594	5.000	2.554	3.810	2.592	4.000	2.673
10.211	2.703	11.322	2.493	10.000	2.556	6.303	2.570	8.000	2.649
14.635	2.653	16.947	2.470	15.000	2.567	9.308	2.545	12.000	2.625
18.999	2.604	22.460	2.492	20.000	2.588	12.897	2.524	19.000	2.608
23.288	2.613	28.065	2.518	25.000	2.619	17.213	2.511	26.000	2.620
27.604	2.619	33.832	2.552	30.000	2.654	22.389	2.511	35.500	2.670
31.820	2.638	39.389	2.590	35.000	2.697	28.605	2.531	45.000	2.749
36.037	2.672	45.041	2.644	40.000	2.748	36.058	2.578	54.500	2.850
40.135	2.683	50.557	2.712	45.000	2.800	45.000	2.654	64.000	2.972
44.219	2.717	56.315	2.796	50.000	2.855	55.080	2.755	71.000	3.073
48.179	2.746	61.919	2.882	55.000	2.914	63.146	2.864	78.000	3.192
52.021	2.776	67.477	2.964	60.000	2.973	69.602	2.968	82.000	3.271
55.939	2.828	75.015	3.075	65.000	3.030	74.765	3.064	86.000	3.335
59.742	2.860	82.536	3.240	70.000	3.088	78.891	3.150	88.000	3.374
63.529	2.905	86.237	3.324	75.000	3.141	82.197	3.224		
67.217	2.961	89.920	3.433	80.000	3.191	84.840	3.283		
70.905	2.996			85.000	3.238	86.950	3.324		
74.599	3.061			90.000	3.279	88.648	3.324		
78.229	3.145								
81.890	3.242								
85.515	3.372								
89.120	3.533								

TABLE 4. PARAMETERS USED IN SEMIEMPERICAL EQUATION [26]

Para.	<i>a/c</i> ≤ <i>l</i>	a/c > 1
M_I	$1.13 - 0.09 \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)$	$\sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} \left(1 + 0.04 \frac{c}{a} \right)$
M_2	$-0.54 + \frac{0.89}{0.2 + \frac{a}{c}}$	$0.2\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^{4}$
M_3	$0.5 - \frac{1}{0.65 + \frac{a}{c}} + 14\left(1 - \frac{a}{c}\right)^{24}$	$-0.11 \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^4$
gı	$1 + \left[0.1 + 0.35 \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^2\right] (1 - \sin\varphi)^2$	$I + \left[0.1 + 0.35 \left(\frac{c}{a}\right) \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{2}\right] (I - \sin\varphi)^{2}$
g ₂	$\frac{1 + 0.358\lambda + 1.425\lambda^2 - 1.578\lambda^3 + 2.156\lambda^4}{1 + 0.13\lambda^2}$	$\frac{1 + 0.358\lambda + 1.425\lambda^2 - 1.578\lambda^3 + 2.156\lambda^4}{1 + 0.13\lambda^2}$
g 3	$\left(1 + 0.04 \frac{a}{c}\right) \left(1 + 0.1(1 - \cos\varphi)^2 \left[0.85 + 0.15 \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{0.25}\right]\right)$	$\left(1.13 + 0.09 \frac{c}{a}\right) \left(1 + 0.1(1 - \cos\varphi)^2 \left[0.85 + 0.15 \left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^{0.25}\right]\right)$
g ₄	$1 - 0.7 \left(1 - \frac{a}{t}\right) \left(\frac{a}{c} - 0.2\right) \left(1 - \frac{a}{c}\right)$	1
f_{arphi}	$\left[\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi\right]^{0.25}$	$\left[\left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^2 \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi \right]^{0.25}$
$f_{\rm w}$	$\left[sec\left(\frac{\pi R}{2W}\right)sec\left(\frac{\pi(2R+2c)}{4(W-c)+4c}\sqrt{\frac{a}{t}}\right)\right]^{0.5}$	$\left[sec\left(\frac{\pi R}{2W}\right) sec\left(\frac{\pi (2R+2c)}{4(W-c)+4c}\sqrt{\frac{a}{t}}\right) \right]^{0.5}$
λ	$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{c}{R}\cos(0.85\varphi)}$	$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{c}{R}\cos(0.85\varphi)}$

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